



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: June 3, 2008

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Chief's Staff, Police Department

SUBJECT: Appropriation Of Auto Theft Funds

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council increase appropriations in the Police Asset Seizure and Grants Fund by \$97,838, of which \$63,589 would come from Auto Theft reserves and the balance of \$34,249, an increase in estimated Auto Theft revenues, for auto theft investigation and deterrence programs.

DISCUSSION:

The City receives State funds on a quarterly basis from vehicle registration fees to be expended exclusively in auto theft investigation and deterrence programs. The unspent portion from prior years, which is accounted for in the Auto Theft reserves, totals \$63,589. In addition, \$34,249 has been received thus far this year. The total funds available, therefore, are \$97,838 and need to be appropriated for current program operating expenses as well as the purchase of an Electronic Chalk Marking System. The use of this system will help identify stolen vehicles through license plate recognition.

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